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Senate Strengthens Republican Leadership By Changing Decade Old Rule

(Austin, TX) - Under new leadership, with the help of the eight conservative freshmen senators, the Texas Senate took the bold step in making a major change to a procedural rule to advance liberty for all Texans. For over a decade, the traditional parliamentary procedure known as the "two-thirds rule" allowed a small minority of only eleven of the thirty-one Senators to stop any legislation from being passed in the Senate. While most Senators agree that a "super majority" vote was appropriate to protect minority opinions, the old rule was being over used to block good legislation that would have reduced government regulations, spending and size.

"This is indeed a good day for Texas. No longer will a small minority be able to block conservative legislation that the over whelming majority of voters have said they want and no longer will moderate Republicans be able to hid behind an outdated rule. The voters are the real winners with this increase in transparency and accountability," stated Senator Hall.

Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Senator Bob Hall, and the other seven newly elected senators, worked with veteran Republicans in response to the voters who wanted the rule changed. The new rule, with three-fifths now needed, maintains the "super majority" but, will now only require nineteen votes to get a floor vote for a bill.

Senator Hall closed, "This is a promise made and kept. I campaigned for this change and I am proud to have been a part of this significant step forward for the people of Texas."

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Senator Robert "Bob" Hall represents Texas Senate District 2, which encompasses Delta, Fannin, Hopkins, Hunt, Kaufman, Rains, Rockwall, Van Zandt, and parts of Dallas.